

be forced to take a written exam every four years when an applicant for a learner's permit, an almost totally inexperienced driver, does not? And I realize that they have to drive with somebody. Let me tell you a story. One man wrote to me and said that he failed the written test three times and the last time he took the test was the last day he could take it on his birthday, so they took his license away, would not even allow him to drive home. But what he did, all he did was the next day he just went to the same station and obtained a learner's permit and he is now driving on a learner's permit because it is not required to take a written test. I had another person write to me and he has been driving now for seven years without a Nebraska license. He just went over to Council Bluffs. You don't have to take a driver's test there. He obtained a license by just taking a vision test and they did have people there that at their discretion or they have the authority to do it, to force him to take a driver's test, but they did not, and he just used the address of his daughter's home. The written test is an inconvenience what I don't think Nebraskans should have to put up with. It is especially inconvenient for the people in the sparse areas of the state and as I mentioned to you because of the times and places. Many of you have admitted to me that a driver's examiner comes to your town and sometimes he will go to the homes of these people and help them fill out the test because they were not able to take it on the morning that he was there. Then they have to drive long distances to their county seat to retake the examination or go to another county. Many testing stations around the state are open very, very seldom and sometimes only in the morning. For the most part the testing procedure of the Department of Motor Vehicles serves a useful purpose in regulating the performance of Nebraska motorists. I only argue that the written test for renewal of one's license does not result in greater traffic safety. The best way to promote traffic safety is to enforce the traffic laws vigorously and not make qualified and experienced drivers take a written test every four years. And as Senator Haberman said, you take a pilot's license once and you never have to take it again, and look at the responsibility we have there flying two to three hundred people in the air. The written exam is a major